

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

T.S. Forest Conservation Act – Diversion of **42.7413 Ha** of forest land (**12.7823 Ha in Vikarabad and 29.959 Ha in Shamshabad Division**) for 4 laning of Hyderabad (ORR Appa Junction) to Manneguda Section of NH-163 - in favour of Project Director, NHAI, Hyderabad. – Final (stage-II) approval – Accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 17

Dated: 27-04-2022

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Rc.No.1652/2018-FCA2, Dated:25.09.2018.
2. Govt. Letter No.3922/For.I(1)/2018, Dated:25.09.2018.
3. From Dy. CF (Central), GoI, MoEF& CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSB132/2018-CHN/1939, dt.13.12.2018.
- 4.From the PCCF (HoFF),T.S., Hyd. Ref.No.1652/2018/FCA-1 Dated:04.09.2021.
- 5.Govt. Letter.No.3922/For.I(1)/2018, Dated:27.09.2021.
- 6.From the Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Hyd., F.No.4-TSB132/2018-CHN/93, Dt.20.10.2021.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **42.7413 Ha** of forest land (**12.7823 Ha in Vikarabad and 29.959 Ha in Shamshabad Division**) for 4 laning of Hyderabad (ORR Appa Junction) to Manneguda Section of NH-163 - in favour of Project Director, NHAI, Hyderabad.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, IRO, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **42.7413 Ha** of forest land (**12.7823 Ha in Vikarabad and 29.959 Ha in Shamshabad Division**) for 4 laning of Hyderabad (ORR Appa Junction) to Manneguda Section of NH-163 - in favour of Project Director, NHAI, Hyderabad, under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The State Forest Department shall demarcate the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;

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- iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation(CA) over 60 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No.199 in Malkaram RF Ganganpahad Beat, Shamshabad Section & Range, Shamshabad Division and 26 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No 40 of Gotlapally Antharam RF, Tandur Beat, Section and Range of Vikarabad District, from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- iv. Identified CA area and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of central government;
- v. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;
- vi. As informed in the compliance report the User Agency deposited cost towards some activities like construction of chain link fencing for 3005 RMT & fixation of gate (Rs.4,24,66,000/- including boundary pillars cost) & cost towards infrastructure funds for central nursery (Rs.5,00,000/-) with FDO, Vikarabad account and cost towards see through wall either side of the road 10 Km@ 57.00 lakhs per km (Rs.6,37,62,000/-) & construction of environmental education center (Rs.25,00,000/-)been deposited with FDO Shamshabad account. This is at variance with stipulations in condition no.(ii) & (vi) of the stage I approval Hence, all above mentioned amounts claimed to have been deposited by the User Agency with FDOs account of the respective Divisions shall be transferred (except amount towards boundary pillars cost in the vikarabad division) to the designated CAMPA account immediately and compliance on the same shall be informed to this office within one month from the date of issuing of this Stage-II approval order:
- vii. The user agency shall endeavor to avoid felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized. Wherever necessary, the trees should be felled under the strict supervision of the DFO/FDO concerned;
- viii. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling at the cost of user agency;
- ix. The user agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- x. The construction of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- xi. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
- xii. The dug out material/overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area proposed;
- xiii. The User Agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and also on the central verge at the project cost and maintain the same for 7-10 years;

- xiv. There shall be speed breaker on the road within the wildlife areas/Wildlife crossings along with signage boards at frequent intervals at the project cost;
- xv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xvi. The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
- xvii. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- xviii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **42.7413 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xix. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xx. User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules and Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- xxi. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer(Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;
- xxii. The progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Vikarabad & Shamshabad Forest Division shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Integrated Regional Office;
- xxiii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per rules/guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
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The Project Director, NHAI, Hyderabad,
SC/SF.

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SECTION OFFICER